

Saving Water in the Garden



Gardens can be water hungry through the warmer months of the year, find our top tips for water saving outdoors below!

Lawn

- ◆ Leave your grass long and don't cut it by more than a third at any one time. Longer grass holds moisture better, so you don't have to water as much.
- ◆ It's ok to let your lawn go brown in the summer. Brown lawns are eco-friendly and will recover after rainfall.

Watering

- ◆ A water butt can store rainwater collected from your roof, which can be used to water your garden.
- ◆ Use a watering can instead of a hose. If you do use a hose, use one with a trigger nozzle to reduce the amount of water used.
- ◆ Use sprinklers sparingly. Sprinklers can use a large volume of water in a very short time. If you must use a sprinkler, water early in the morning or late in the evening when evaporation rates are lowest.
- ◆ Water roots, not leaves. Make sure to direct the water to the roots of your plants, not higher up or further away where it could be blown off or evaporate.

Planting

- ◆ Use mulch and bark in your garden to help reduce evaporation.
- ◆ Think about mixing some drought resistant bedding and perennial plants to your garden, these will need less watering than other plants.

General

- ◆ Pressure washers use a lot of water, try to use them sparingly if at all.
- ◆ Use a bucket and sponge to clean patio furniture and bicycles rather than a hose or pressure washer. Why not do this on the lawn so the water gets recycled!
- ◆ Use a bucket and sponge rather than a hose to clean your car. This will also give your car a much more precise wash.

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